

1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), and Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), \$186,000,000: *Provided*, That total administrative costs shall not exceed 3 percent of the total appropriation.

RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

The aggregate charges assessed during fiscal year 2007, as authorized in title III of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (42 U.S.C. 5196e), shall not be less than 100 percent of the amounts anticipated by the Department of Homeland Security to be necessary for its radiological emergency preparedness program for such fiscal year: *Provided*, That the methodology for assessment and collection of fees shall be fair and equitable and shall reflect costs of providing such services, including administrative costs of collecting such fees: *Provided further*, That fees received under this heading shall be deposited in this account as offsetting collections and will become available for authorized purposes on October 1, 2007, and remain available until expended.

UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING

For necessary expenses of the United States Fire Administration and for other purposes, as authorized by the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.), \$46,849,000.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION AND INFORMATION SECURITY

For necessary expenses for infrastructure protection and information security programs and activities, as authorized by title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121 et seq.), \$549,140,000, of which \$464,490,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008: *Provided*, That of the amount made available under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall not be available for obligation for management and administration until the Department of Homeland Security has released the National Infrastructure Protection Plan: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall not be available for obligation for management and administration until the Department has submitted its national security strategy for the chemical sector report.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGIONAL OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses for administrative and regional operations, \$254,499,000, including activities authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), sections 107 and 303 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 404, 405), Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.): *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000 shall be for official reception and representation expenses.

READINESS, MITIGATION, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY

For necessary expenses for readiness, mitigation, response, and recovery activities, \$238,199,000, including activities authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance

Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), sections 107 and 303 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 404, 405), Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.): *Provided*, That of the total amount made available under this heading, \$20,000,000 shall be for Urban Search and Rescue Teams, of which not to exceed \$1,600,000 may be made available for administrative costs: *Provided further*, That of the amounts appropriated under this heading, \$20,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until the Secretary of Homeland Security submits to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a catastrophic planning expenditure plan.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. JINDAL

Mr. JINDAL. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. JINDAL:

Page 34, line 20, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000)”.

Mr. JINDAL. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to reduce FEMA waste, fraud, and abuse.

In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, FEMA provided \$2,000 in individual and household program payments to affected households. Individuals could apply for disaster assistance using the Internet or telephone.

As of mid-December, such payments totaled \$5.4 billion with almost half of that, \$2.3 billion, in the form of expedited assistance.

According to Social Security Administration data, FEMA made millions of dollars in payments to thousands of registrants who submitted false Social Security numbers. According to a GAO study, 165 of 248 sampled registrations contained false Social Security numbers, and 80 of 200 alleged disaster addresses were false.

This amendment says that FEMA should implement a fully tested process that can provide real-time access to data required to validate identities and addresses for those seeking disaster assistance.

While FEMA has taken certain steps to curtail waste, fraud and abuse within its program, more needs to be done.

The intent of my amendment is to direct FEMA to implement an identity verification system that assures disaster assistance payments are made only to qualified individuals. In a statement I will submit for the RECORD, I have some specific criteria that will be used.

The intent of my amendment is to allocate \$1 million to FEMA to implement an identity verification system that assures disaster assistance payments are made only to qualified individuals.

Specifically by (1) establishing detailed criteria for registration and provide clear instructions to registrants on the identification information required, (2) creating a field within registration that asks registrants to provide their name exactly as it appears on their Social Security Card in order to prevent name and social security mismatches, (3) fully field testing

the identity verification process prior to implementation, (4) ensuring that call center employees give real-time feedback to registrants on whether their identities have been validated, and (5) establishing a process that uses alternative means of identity verification to expeditiously handle legitimate applicants that are rejected by identity verification controls.

I want to thank the chairman and ranking member for their work on this bill and their consideration of my amendment.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. JINDAL. I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. The gentleman has offered another excellent amendment, and we are happy to accept it.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JINDAL).

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JINDAL) having assumed the chair, Mr. GILLMOR, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5441) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

LIMITING AMENDMENTS DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5441, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, the majority leader has announced that we will conclude the business of the House this evening with votes no later than 10, and so with that in mind, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, during further consideration of H.R. 5441 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 836, notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except:

Pro forma amendments offered at any point in the reading by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate;

The additional amendments specified in this order; and

Amendments en bloc specified in this order;

It shall be in order at any time for the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations or a designee, after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations, to offer amendments en bloc as follows:

Amendments en bloc shall consist of amendments that may be offered under this order;

Such amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, except that modifications shall be reported, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole;

All points of order against such amendments en bloc are waived;

The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc;

The additional amendments specified in this order are as follows:

An amendment by Mr. NADLER striking language on sodium-iodide;

An amendment by Mr. GORDON regarding funding limitation on energy efficiency in Federal buildings;

An amendment by Mr. OBEY regarding funding levels and tax cuts;

An amendment by Mr. DOOLITTLE regarding funding limitation on expedited removal;

An amendment by Mr. CAMPBELL of California regarding funding limitations on 642(a) of the IIIRA;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding funding limitation on DHS closures in Texas;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding funding limitation on termination of FEMA financial assistance;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding funding limitation on lawsuits against FEMA;

An amendment by Mr. MARKEY regarding funding limitation on air cargo security;

An amendment by Mr. FILNER regarding funding limitation on USIA grants;

An amendment by Mr. DEAL of Georgia regarding funding limitation on birthright citizenship;

An amendment by Mr. POE regarding funding limitation on Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative;

An amendment by Mr. ENGEL regarding funding limitation on alternative fuel vehicles;

An amendment by Mr. TANCREDO regarding funding limitation on temporary protective status for certain Central Americans;

An amendment by Mr. KINGSTON regarding funding limitation on volunteer surveillance on the border;

An amendment by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey regarding funding limitation on adult entertainment, clown and puppet shows, and other activities;

An amendment by Mr. PICKERING regarding funding limitation on certain FEMA contracts;

An amendment by Mr. TANCREDO regarding funding limitation on diversity visa program;

An amendment by Ms. FOXX regarding funding limitation on Louis Vuitton handbags;

An amendment by Mr. BISHOP of New York regarding funding limitation on reimbursement of attorneys fees;

An amendment by Ms. BERKLEY regarding funding limitation on threat assessments related to certain populations;

An amendment by Mr. MICA regarding funding limitation on personnel at opt-out airports;

An amendment by Mr. TIERNEY regarding funding limitation on LNG;

An amendment by Mr. CULBERSON regarding funding limitation on CIS benefits and background checks;

An amendment by Mr. KUHL of New York regarding limousine service and fire protection funding; and

An amendment or amendments by Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky regarding funding levels.

Each additional amendment may be offered only by the Member named in this request or a designee, except as otherwise specified, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations and the Subcommittee on Homeland Security each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of debate; and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

Except as otherwise specified, each additional amendment shall be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. An amendment shall be considered to fit the description stated in this request if it addresses in whole or in part the object described.

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Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I was simply confused by one thing the gentleman said. It was my understanding that the agreement would reflect an understanding that the last vote would begin around 10 o'clock. I thought I heard the gentleman say that, under this motion, the last debate would conclude at 10 o'clock.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, my understanding from the majority leader's office is that the votes would be concluded by that time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation with the notation to Members it would be helpful if they would get here to the floor so we can dispose of as many amendments tonight as possible so that we have as few amendments as possible left when we return after the recess, because we do have a lot of other bills we need to get done. I thank the gentleman for helping to work this out.

Mr. SABO. If the gentleman would yield, visiting with Ms. JACKSON-LEE, I think she only has one amendment left that she wants offered, and I think there are three on the list.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. If the gentleman would yield, her rights are protected. She does not have to offer it.

Mr. SABO. She will only offer one.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, JUNE 2, 2006, TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations have until midnight, June 2, 2006, to file a privileged report, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, JUNE 5, 2006, TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations have until midnight, June 5, 2006, to file a privileged report, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5254, REFINERY PERMIT PROCESS SCHEDULE ACT

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-482) on the resolution (H. Res. 842) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5254) to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 836 and rule